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LESSON:4

～ LITTLE LADY ～

OJOU-SAMA?
GOING AHEAD WITHOUT KNOWING ABOUT THE DESPAIR KULIFA DECIDED TO ASSASSINATE HER BUT!?
WHERE DID SHE...
HOW STUPID CAN SHE BE-
TO BE PREPARING FOR TOMORROW AT THIS TIME, AND SO SHE'S DOING SELF-PRACTICE WITH HER SWORD...
THE WOODEN SWORD IS MISSING...
HER TRAINING WEAR AS WELL...

WHY IS IT IN THIS PLACE...!!
THIS PRES-ENCE...
DON'T TELL ME

LYCAN-
THROPE

WHY ARE THE LYCANTHROPE IN THIS HIGH CLASSED AREA...

WE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T EXPECT MUCH FROM THEM.
THE CLIENT LORD MODERIEUX SEEMS TO BE APPLYING PRESSURE FROM THEIR SIDE AS WELL BUT THEY ARE HAVING A BIT OF TROUBLE.
IS THIS THE PRESSURE...!?

THAT LORD MODERIELIX. TO NOT ONLY DIRECT AN ASSASSIN (ME), BUT ALSO THE LYCANTHROPE AT HIS OWN GRANDCHILD.
DOES HE THINK THAT BY INTENSIFYING THE BATTLE, IT WILL AWAKEN THE MANA INSIDE LADY MELIDA?
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WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE...!

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THERE IS NO WAY A NORMAL HUMAN WITH NO MANA CAN BE THEIR OPPONENT.
THE ONLY THINGS THAT CAN PENETRATE THEIR DEFENSE ARE THE LIGHT OF NECTAR OR (SOLAR ELEMENT).
THE LYCANTHROPE CAN NULLIFY ALL ATTACKS MADE BY NORMAL WEAPONS.
THIS IS UNREASONABLE
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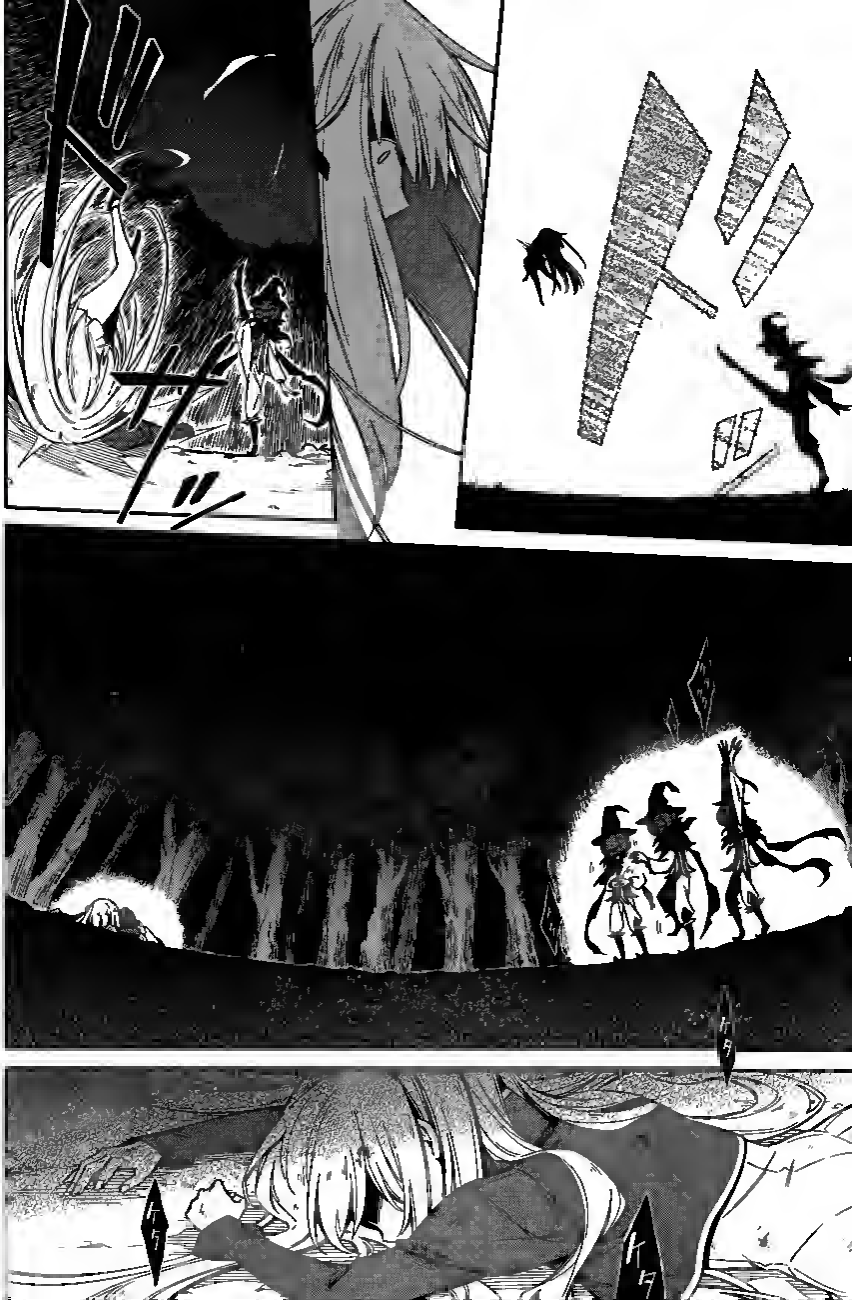
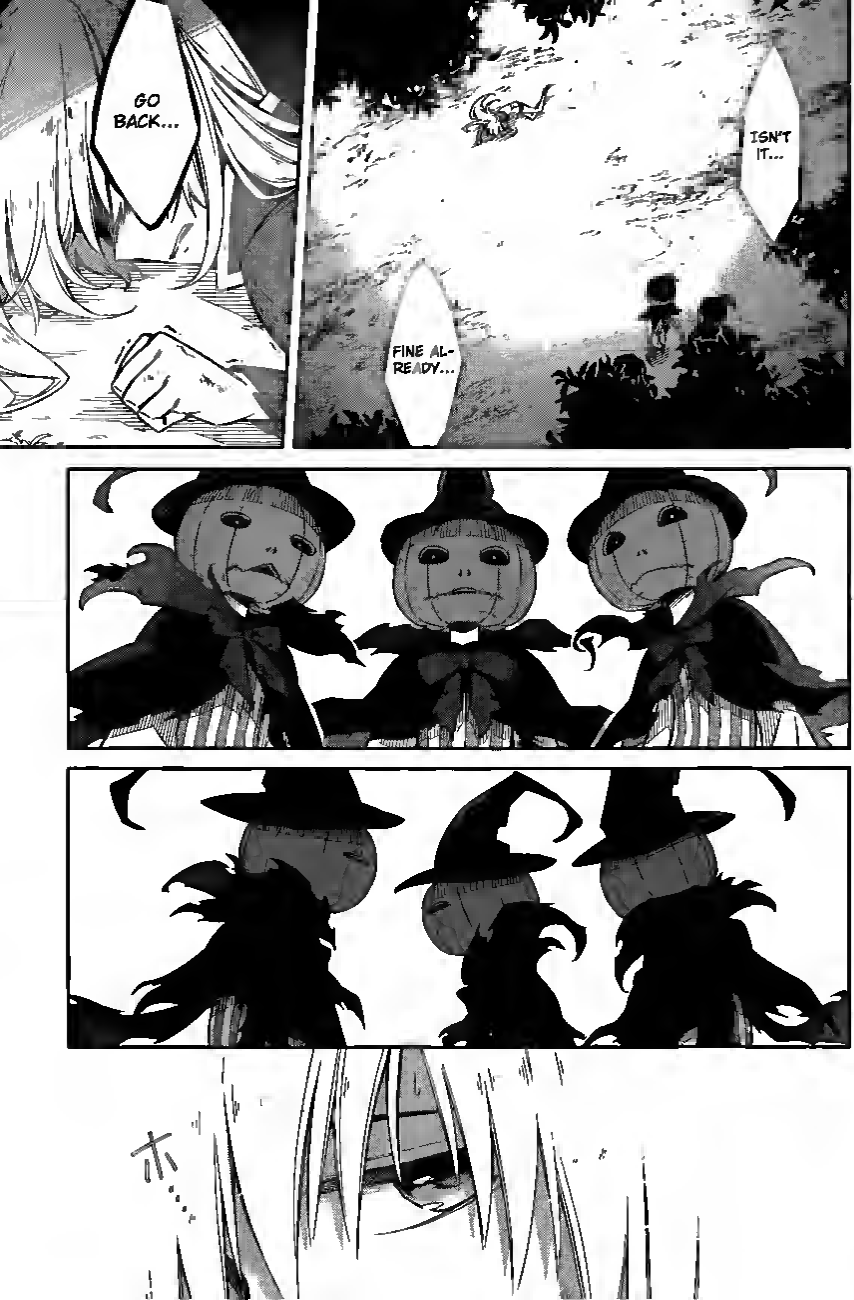
YOU!
owww...
LUGH
LUGH

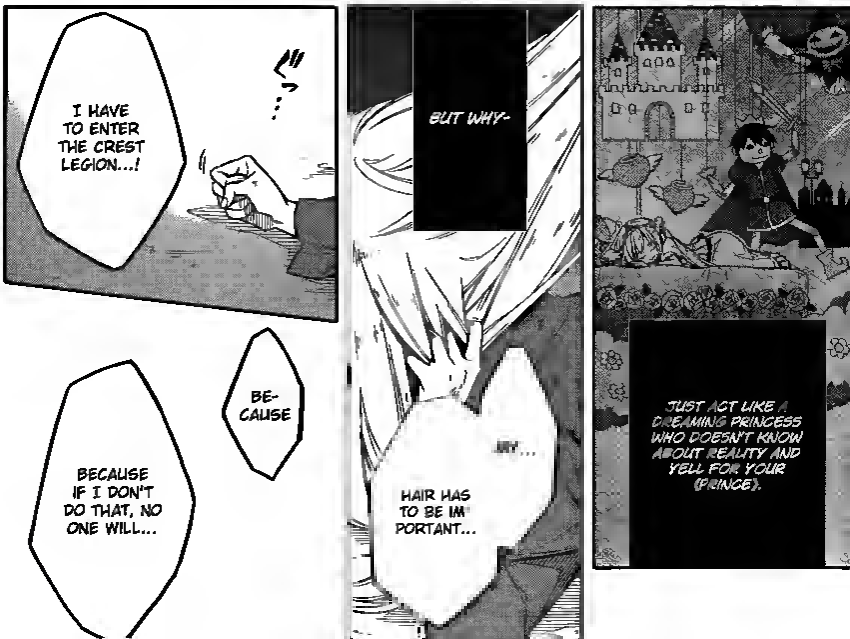
WHY?
WHY DON'T TRY TO CRY OUT EVEN ONCE?
YOU COULD JUST YELL AND CALL FOR THE GUARDS.
THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THESE LOW RANKING LYCANTHROPE'S WHILE YAWNING.
BUT WHY-
-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



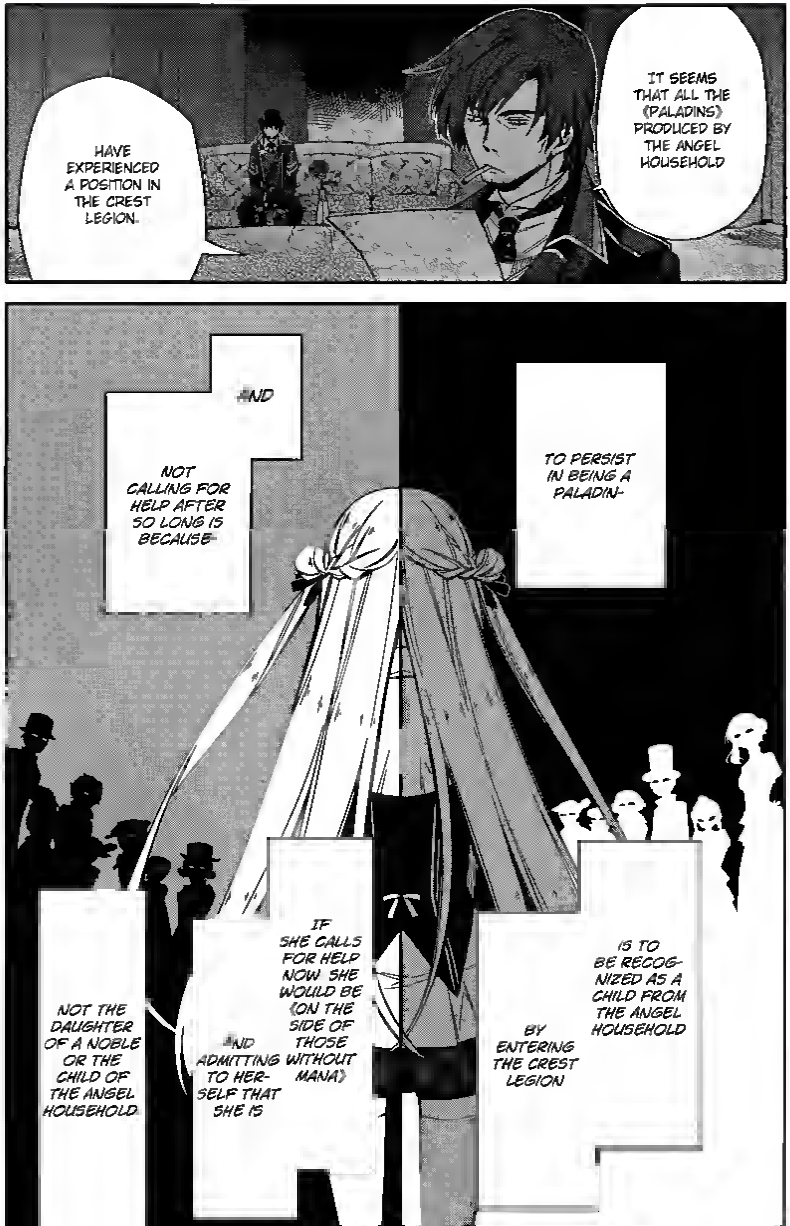

GO BACK...
FINE AL-READY...
ISN'T IT...

DON'T TELL ME
NO...
STOP IT!!!
DON'T TOUCH MY HAIR!
PLEASE STOP
LET GO!
THIS IS A MEMENTO OF MOTHER!
THE SAME GOLD AS MY DEAD MOTHER!
IF I LOSE THIS
I WON'T BE ABLE TO REMEMBER MOTHER!!

WHY AREN'T YOU CALLING FOR HELP?
...LET GO...
WHY


I HAVE TO ENTER THE CREST LEGION...!
BUT WHY-
JUST ACT LIKE A DREAMING PRINCESS WHO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT REALITY AND YELL FOR YOUR (PRINCE).
BECAUSE
BECAUSE IF I DON'T DO THAT, NO ONE WILL...
HAIR HAS TO BE IMPORTANT...

RECOGNIZE ME AS A CHILD OF THE ANGEL HOUSEHOLD...-


IT SEEMS THAT ALL THE 《PALADINS》 PRODUCED BY THE ANGEL HOUSEHOLD
HAVE EXPERIENCED A POSITION IN THE CREST LEGION.
AND
NOT CALLING FOR HELP AFTER SO LONG IS BECAUSE
TO PERSIST IN BEING A PALADIN
IS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A CHILD FROM THE ANGEL HOUSEHOLD
BY ENTERING THE CREST LEGION
IF SHE CALLS FOR HELP NOW SHE WOULD BE 《ON THE SIDE OF THOSE WITHOUT MANA》
AND ADMITTING TO HERSELF THAT SHE IS
NOT THE DAUGHTER OF A NOBLE OR THE CHILD OF THE ANGEL HOUSEHOLD

AHH
THIS REALLY IS
ズル
I ALREADY KNOW THAT....
THE WORLD IS BRUTAL AND CRUEL.
!YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN A DREAM, FACE REALITY ALREADY!
DO YOU WANT TO SAY THAT?
SOMETHING YOU CAN'T LAUGH AT
...WHAT EXACTLY
ARE YOU GUYS...?

...DO YOU WANT TO MAKE ME ADMIT IT?
THAT I'M OUT OF PLACE...
TH T THERE'S NO POINT IN STRUGGLING...
DON T MAKE ME LAUGH
I ADMIT THAT. BUT
NO MATTER HOW CRUEL THE WORLD IS
I WILL STRUG-GLE...!
BECAUSE

I AM A CHILD FROM THE ANGEL HOUSEHOLD!!
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GET LOST
ポイ
DON'T TOUCH MY MASTER.

『SAVE ME』...?
WHY DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN ALIVE?

I CAN'T HAVE YOU GUYS GOING BACK TO LORD MOD-ERIEUX
《PANTOM TRIDENT...
《VOID FANG》!!

AHH...

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I HAVE TO SUCCESSFULLY DISPOSE OF THEIR BODIES...
IN THE FIRST PLACE, IF THEY ARE SEEN IN THIS HIGH CLASSED AREA, THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE A LOT OF FUSS
TO CONVINCE LORD MONDERIEUX, I HAVE TO COVER UP THE DEATHS OF THE LYCANTHROPE.
THIS OBVIOUSLY OPPOSES MY CLIENT
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SEN
SEI...?

I WENT AND DID IT...

-SO IT'S LIKE THIS
I WANT TO SEE
THIS PRECIOUS YOUNG GIRL.
-IN SUCH A CRUEL WORLD, SOMEONE WHO STRUGGLES AND FIGHTS,
THE MOMENT THEY ARE RECOGNIZED.
I WILL

PLACE MY BETS ONTO YOU-
...PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR BEING LATE, OJOU-SAMA
?
NOT AT ALL...
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すくっ
OJOU-SAMA
SORRY FOR
CAUS-ING YOU SUCH TROUBLE

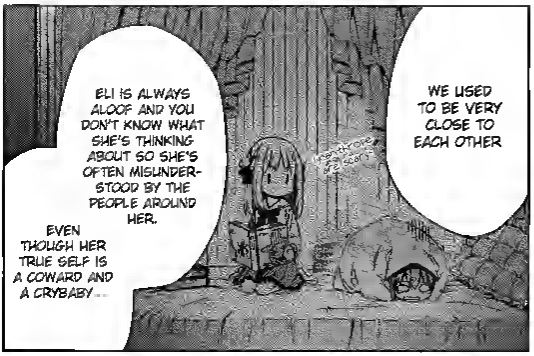
THIS GIRL HAS BEEN FIGHTING IN THE DARKNESS
EVEN KILLING HER VOICE TO YELL FOR HELP
IN ORDER TO PROTECT HER PRIDE FROM BREAKING.
ALWAYS ALONE
THEN I WILL-
PLEASE ALLOW ME AT LEAST TO HELP YOU
OJOU-SAMA

I WANT TO BECOME YOUR POWER.
EVEN IF IT IS INSIDE A STORM.
I WILL DEFINITELY SUPPORT YOUR VOICE.

UWAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAA

HELD A WEIGHT UNLIKE ANY OTHER
A SINGLE DAY'S TEARS TODAY

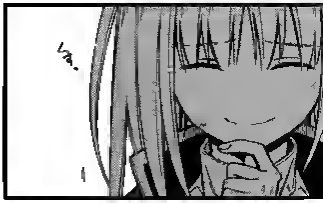
UM, SENSEI..
DO YOU REMEMBER THE CHILD NAMED ELIZE WE MET AT SCHOOL TODAY?
EH? YEA
I HAVE HEARD THAT SHE IS OJOU-SAMA'S COUSIN


WE USED TO BE VERY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER
ELI IS ALWAYS ALOOF AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING ABOUT SO SHE'S OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE PEOPLE AROUND HER.
EVEN THOUGH HER TRUE SELF IS A COWARD AND A CRYBABY...

YOU SAW US
WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING RIGHT...

THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT I HAVE TO BE THE ONE TO PROTECT HER!

MY MANA WOULDN'T WAKE UP AFTER SO LONG...
AND ELI BECAME A PALADIN
AND WAS SUDDENLY RECOGNIZED BY EVERY-ONE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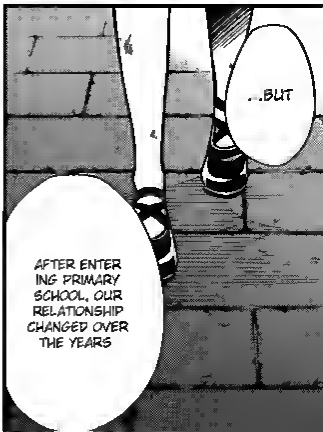
...BUT
AFTER ENTER ING PRIMARY SCHOOL, OUR RELATIONSHIP CHANGED OVER THE YEARS

UNKNOWINGLY, I WAS LEFT BEHIND.
SHE BECAME THE ONE TO PROTECT ME WHEN I WAS BULLIED
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS THE OPPOSITE IN THE PAST
EVEN WHEN BULLIED BY MY CLASSMATES,
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING, BUT JUST LAUGH IT OFF
YOU'VE SEEN ME IN THE ACADEMY, RIGHT?
AND NOW WE'RE LIKE THIS.

WHEN I THINK ABOUT ELI SEEING ME LIKE THIS,
I FEEL REALLY ASHAMED AND PITIFUL....
I WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET HER LIKE THIS.....!
I CAME FROM THE 《NIGHT WORLD》
...I SORT OF UNDERSTAND OJOU-SAMA'S FEELINGS
SENSEI DOES?
EVEN THOUGH SENSEI IS THIS SPLENDID...

EVEN FURTHER OUT THAN THAT.
Canbell
ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE LOW-CLASS DISTRICT OUTSIDE OF CANBELL...?
EH...?
IT ISN'T AS THOUGH THE CURSED NIGHT WILL IMMEDIATELY TURN YOU INTO A MONSTER.
EHH!?
THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING OUTSIDE OF FLANDORE!?
RATHER THAN LIVING THERE, IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THEY ARE BARELY SURVIVING THERE.
SO THAT'S WHY FOR VARIOUS REASONS THE NIGHT REGIONS ARE LEFT ALONE.
TO NOT GET FOUND BY THE RANKAN-THROPE,
ALTHOUGH FEW IN NUMBER, THERE ARE THOSE WHO MANAGE TO PULL IT OFF.

FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, I HAD BEEN WANDERING THE LANDS OF THE NIGHT WORLD.
haahh...
MY MOTHER AND I WERE EXTREMELY LUCKY TO REACH THIS CITY AND LIVE ON.
UP TO THIS DAY, I STILL REMEMBER THE SURROUNDING DARKNESS CRUSHING ME
AND THE SMALL FLAME THAT SEEMED TO GO OUT AT ANY GIVEN TIME
SENSEI'S MOTHER!?

YEA, ALTHOUGH NOT LONG AFTER WE STARTED LIVING HERE IN FLANDORE, SHE PASSED AWAY.
THE FORCED WALK IN THE NIGHT WORLD PROBABLY WAS ALSO ONE OF THE REASONS, BUT
THE THING THAT TORMENTED MOTHER THE MOST WAS STRESS
STRESS FROM THE DISCRIMINATION FROM THE PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN FLANDORE TOWARDS THOSE CAME FROM THE NIGHT WORLD
DISCRIMINATION?
『THOSE WHO WERE LEFT BEHIND IN THE NIGHT WORLD ARE DIRTIED BY A CURSE』
『IF YOU APPROACH THEM, THE CURSE WILL SPREAD』 APPARENTLY

WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I WAS CALLED 『BACTERIA』 BY OTHER CHILDREN.
THAT IS SO MEAN!!
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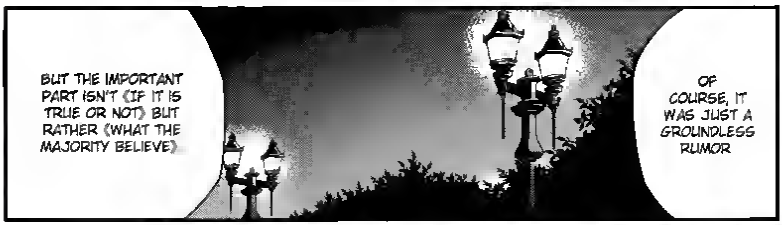
OF COURSE, IT WAS JUST A GROUNDLESS RUMOR
BUT THE IMPORTANT PART ISN'T 《IF IT IS TRUE OR NOT》 BUT RATHER 《WHAT THE MAJORITY BELIEVE》

THAT MOB MENTALITY QUICKLY TOOK OVER AND ESCALATED IN NO TIME
...EVEN SO, TO THE LAST MINUTE,
MOTHER HAD LOVED ME AS HER SON AND WISHED ME HAPPINESS
...S SHE TOOK HER LAST BREATH

FROM THEN, I SPENT MY YOUTH TRAINING IN THAT LIVING HELL
AND NOW I'M BEING MADE TO WORK UNDER THAT SLOPPY MAN DOING DIRTY JOBS
I CAN'T LET OJOU-SAMA LISTEN TO MORE OF THIS, BUT
THE PLACE THAT TOOK ME IN AFTER I LOST MY HOME WAS THE (DARKNESS GUILD THAT DOESN'T EXIST), GUILD JACK RAVEN
.....
ENVIOUS?
THAT'S WHY, OJOU-SAMA I'M VERY ENVIOUS
I'M SLIGHTLY JEALOUS OF YOU GUYS WHO COULD LIVE SUCH A NORMAL YOUTH
AND SOMETIMES GOING ON A DATE WITH THEIR GIRLFRIEND
AND GOING TO A CAFE AFTER SCHOOL AND HAVING FUN
LAUGHING TOGETHER WITH THEIR FRIENDS,
GOING TO SCHOOL AND STUDYING
SO I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ENVIOUS OF THOSE STUDENTS YOU SOMETIMES SEE WEARING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM.
BECAUSE ALTHOUGH I RECEIVED AN EDUCATION, I NEVER WENT TO SCHOOL

-BUT SCHOOL HAS ITS OWN PROBLEMS, RIGHT?
RIGHT? SENSEI.
SCHOOL IS LIKE A BATTLE-FIELD.
FUFU
HEHE...
……

OJOU-SAMA
I HAVE A SUGGES-TION.
SUGGES-TION...?
I HAVE SPENT TODAY OBSERV-ING YOU AS YOUR PRIVATE TUTOR BUT—
ALLOW ME TO BE FRANK WITH YOU.
I BELIEVE THAT AT THIS RATE NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRAIN
THE CHANCES OF YOU AWAKEN-ING AS A MANA USER IS EX-TREMELY LOW
ER...
THE CASE WHERE A CHILD IS BORN INTO A NOBLE FAMILY BUT THE MANA IS NOT IN-HERITED
OCCA-SIONALLY THERE ARE THOS
...THIS IS ALL A LIE
THERE IS NO WAY I COULD SAY THAT HER MOTHER IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING AN AFFAIR
IS—
THAT SO.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE A SUGGESTION, OJOU-SAMA
CAN YOU ENTRUST YOUR LIFE TO ME?
EH...?
THIS IS A DANGER-OUS BET BUT
I KNOW OF A WAY TO WAKE UP THE MANA WITHIN OJOU-SAMA.
BUT IT IS DANGER-OUS.
THE SUCESS RATE IS 70%
OUT OF 10 TRIES, 3 OF THEM WILL FAIL.
.....
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF IT FAILS...?

THERE WILL BE PROGNOSTIC SYMPTOMS
.....
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE EFFECTS WILL BE
FROM WHAT I KNOW, SCALES GROWING ON AN ARM AND IT FALLING OFF. YOUR FACE COLLAPSING INWARDS AND BECOMING UGLY JUST LIKE A DEMON. ALL THE MUSCLES BECOMING CHANGING INTO A GREEN COLOR, ETC. THERE ARE MANY POSSIBILITIES.
AND THESE SYMPTOMS WILL REMAIN FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
WORST CASE SCENARIO... YOU COULD EVEN LOSE YOUR LIFE.
I CANNOT CONTROL IT.
WHAT DO YOU WISH?
.....

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHOICE MAY BE A BIT HEAVY FOR A 13 YEAR OLD...
OF COURSE, IF YOU DON'T CHOSE TO DO IT, I WILL NOT RESIGN AS YOUR PRIVATE TUTOR.
.....
I WILL PROPERLY LOOK AFTER OJOU-SAMA'S GROWTH UNTIL GRADUATION
YOU DO NOT NEED TO COME TO A CONCLUSION IMMEDIATELY
I'LL DO IT.

I'LL DO IT.
...IS THAT SO.

MY
YOUNG
LADY

JUST AS OJOU-SAMA HAS ENTRUSTED HER LIFE TO ME,
I HAVE JUST BET MY LIFE ON YOU.
EH?

NOW, SHOULD WE HURRY UP AND HEAD BACK TO THE MAN-SION?
To be continued